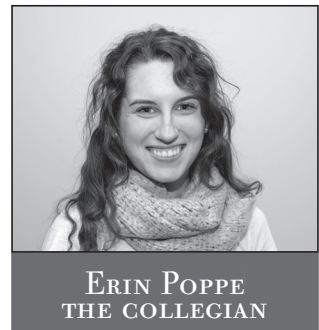




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k-state **graduation** GUIDE



A graduate's guide to getting through K-State graduation day alive



ERIN POPPE
THE COLLEGIAN

Speaking as someone who has experienced the excitement of waking up on the Saturday morning of K-State's undergraduate commencement ceremonies, a lot will be running through your mind on May 17 if you're walking that stage in Bramlage Coliseum or McCain Auditorium.

After all, you've only been waiting for this moment of achievement for the past four years- more like three years, eight months and 24 days. But hey, who was counting?

Despite the things you'll need to remember or hope will go right, at the end of the day, you'll be walking away with a diploma in your hand and the skip of accomplishment in your step. So, here's a brief and non-comprehensive list of tips and hints to help get you through your K-State graduation day.

Night Before

Lay out your gown and attire

You'll want to wear something nice and you should. You will want to make sure you are comfortable and can walk

in whatever shoes you're planning to wear with your gown. Have things laid out ahead of time to avoid an early-morning rush.

Text out the plan to attendees

Here's a hint: have your family and friends park closer to the road than the stadium in Bramlage's parking lot. It's a little more legwork, but you won't be stuck in the parking lot for what feels like as long as the ceremony itself afterwards.

Charge your phone and camera

You'll be really upset with yourself, not to mention bored, if the battery on whatever electronic entertainment you brought dies just as the opening speech is wrapping up.

Enjoy yourself, but not too much

You'll probably have the urge to go out to Aggieville and celebrate your last night as an undergraduate the night before. Go ahead and indulge in that; everyone needs to celebrate their achievements.

But remember, it's not just an achievement for you. It's a special day for everyone who has helped you get to this point, too. Don't ruin it for yourself or them by being hungover or falling asleep while waiting for your name to be called.

Morning Of

Give yourself time

No one but the arts and sciences graduates get to

complain about their graduation time. Pure nerves and excitement about graduation will probably keep you up most of the night, so sleeping in is probably going to sound tempting. But, you will want to wake yourself up and get on the road before that graduation day traffic jams up Manhattan.

Send out reminder texts

Make sure the people you want to be in the audience are awake, and that they've coordinated where they'll all be sitting and where you'll meet up with them afterwards.

Eat breakfast

It's going to be a long ceremony, and it's going to take just as much time (if not more) to get out of the parking lot afterwards. You won't have another chance to eat for a while if you don't eat beforehand.

Get caffeine

Few things are more embarrassing than having a family member or friend get a photo of you asleep during the ceremony, dangerously close to drooling. Dodge that future story by loading up on your caffeine of choice. But, let's be honest, you'll probably fall asleep during the ceremony at least once anyway.

You don't need to arrive early, but don't tiddle

They say be there at 7:30 a.m. to line up for the College of Arts and Sciences commencement, but nerves and excitement might make you

feel tempted to get there closer to 6:50 or 7 a.m. Realize the notorious rumors about the arts and science ceremony always starting late are true. So you're probably fine if you get there closer to 7:45 a.m., but be mindful of the traffic.

For all other colleges, I'm sorry but arts and sciences will probably cause your ceremony anyway. Your arrival time will probably be pushed back, too.

Have someone drop you off on the west side of Bramlage

It's your day. Have someone drop you off so you don't have to worry about parking or walking.

During

Find your family in the crowd as soon as possible

You'll want to know what direction to look toward for pictures and where to look away from when you yawn.

Pay attention to the speakers

They're trying to pass on some last little piece of wisdom before you close this chapter in your life. Do what we all know we didn't do in our 100-level lecture classes and listen.

Write your name in phonetic spelling to ensure accuracy

Even if you think you have an easily pronounceable name, you don't. Not today. So just in case the speaker gets easily tongue-tied, spell out how to sound out both your first and last name.

Text your friends and share

the moment

Text, snap or poke your friends during the ceremony. Figure out where each other is sitting and wave. Send photos to your friends whose ceremonies are later in the day and wish them luck. It's a big day for all of you, and you should experience it together.

Take it all in

Recognize how life-affirming this day is. Revel in the corniness of the ceremony's formality and thinking it must have been how every '90s sitcom child felt in their graduation episode. This is huge.

After

Go on and get the obligatory graduation photo

Take the photo with your diploma and your family and friends in front of Bill Snyder Family Stadium field. You'll regret it when you see all of your friends' photos later on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter if you don't.

Have a snack waiting for you in the car

Even if you had a big breakfast, you'll be hungry and thirsty by this point. Have whoever you're riding with make sure to bring you a little treat.

If you parked near the stadium, try not to get too frustrated

I tried to warn you earlier so that this exact moment wouldn't happen, but parking closer to the street would have saved you from the grief

that is Bramlage's parking lot post-commencement ceremony. It's a nightmare and it seems that people forget how to drive.

Don't plan on eating out if you didn't have a reservation

I'm not joking when I say this – there will be no wait times at any decent restaurant in Manhattan because they will be booked back-to-back all day with graduation parties. Manhattan residents are better left staying cooped up in their homes on Saturday, as are recent graduates and guests who didn't call in a reservation weeks ahead of time.

Party like Prince

When who I will forever know as 'The Artist Formerly Known as Prince' sang, "The sky was all purple, there were people runnin' everywhere," I swear he was talking about Aggieville on the night of graduation. It's an incredible way to end this once-in-a-lifetime day, and you won't be able to stop yourself from swelling with pride as you look around and think, "We did it."

That's it. Congratulations to all of you almost-graduates of K-State. Hopefully this guide will help make Saturday what it was meant to be – a happy ending to one of the best times of your life.

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The tassels are worth the years of hassles



EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

Ramone Lowe grins at the crowd during the procession to begin the 2013 agricultural commencement ceremony at Bramlage Coliseum.

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Commencement ceremony schedule

Saturday, May 10 Technology and Aviation

10 a.m.
Student Life Center
K-State Salina

College of Education
11 a.m.
Bramlage Coliseum

Friday, May 16 Graduate School

1 p.m.
Bramlage Coliseum

College of Business Administration
12:30 p.m.
Bramlage Coliseum

College of Veterinary Medicine

3:30 p.m.
McCain Auditorium

College of Agriculture
2:15 p.m.
Bramlage Coliseum

Saturday, May 17 College of Arts and Science

8:30 a.m.
Bramlage Coliseum

College of Human Ecology
4:15 p.m.
Bramlage Coliseum

College of Architecture, Planning and Design
10 a.m.
McCain Auditorium

College of Engineering
6:15 p.m.
Bramlage Coliseum

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Don't break the bank: planning a budget-friendly graduation celebration

By JENA SAUBER
THE COLLEGIAN

As if paying for four or five years of college wasn't expensive enough, next week's graduation ceremonies are traditionally capped off with a party to celebrate your accomplishments. From the location rental to food for your entire family and all your friends to decorations, graduation parties can add up quickly.

To avoid breaking the bank before you have an opportunity to deposit your first big kid paycheck, check out these alternative ideas.

Venue

Depending on the size of your gathering, your apartment or house may do just fine. If you need a bigger place, hall rental can reach into the hundreds, especially on a busy weekend. Besides, if you are still looking now, many of the best spots will already be taken.

Instead, look to take advantage of free or inexpensive options. Call on friends or family in Manhattan with larger houses or apartments; make sure you agree to the terms and timing of setting up and cleaning up. While May weather in Kansas can be finicky, a house or apartment with a yard can be a life saver if your entire family needs a place to spill over to.

The K-State and Manhattan communities both provide free or low-cost places to gather after a graduation ceremony, too. The K-State Alumni Center and K-State Student Union both offer free rooms for student parties. If your post-ceremony party is small, you can sign up for a free booth at Varsity Donuts in

Aggieville. They'll save a place for you and help you celebrate your achievement in sugary, retro style.
Money saved: \$200

Food

When it comes to food, expense and time often are often the two biggest barriers. Doing a meal for cheaper isn't always fast, and fast isn't always cheap. Instead, a little planning ahead will help you reach the best balance between the two positives extremes.

The timing of your graduation ceremony will determine what food you offer, but there are some good keys to making the food service as seamless as possible. Opt to "do it ahead" as much as possible – from the main dish to dessert. Crock pots are fantastic to reheat or keep food warm for an extended period of time. BBQ pulled pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, taco meat and more will stay warm in a Crock-pot. If you don't already have one, it could be worth investing in now.

Most sides can also be made in advance, cutting down on day-of time and stress without straining your wallet. Skip the pre-made veggie or fruit platters; they will drain your budget more than what they add to your party. Instead, opt for custom fruit or vegetable choices and arrange your own platter. It may take a bit more work, but it will save money. For an individual touch, fill small clear plastic cups with your arrangement of vegetables in a base of ranch dressing (cue Pinterest project).

Dessert is another opportunity to save money. A custom made cake from a grocery store can be expensive and cookie-cutters. Instead, bypass the bakery



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One inexpensive option for graduation celebration parties is table-top buntings made from colorful scrapbook paper and recycled containers.

and head for the baking aisle to pick up a variety of cake mixes. Cupcakes, in purple liners, offer an array of different options for guests without the overpriced layers of sugar that weigh down most store-bought cakes.
Money saved: \$100

Decorations

Streamers, purple table clothes and balloons are perfectly acceptable for college graduation parties. Anything purple, especially in mass, is good. Hit up discount or dollar stores for inexpensive decorations, although watch out for the less-material-for-less-product

trap. Compare the streamers you get for a dollar to the streamers you get for \$1.99 at another store. Which will go further for your dollar and be the better deal?

Custom banners can add a punch of color, and help express your major or personality. At a craft store, you can find scrap paper for just about every interest or major. For pennies a page, you can find music-note dotted paper, puppy covered paper or art palette designed paper to express your passion. Form an inexpensive button by cutting the paper into triangles or squares, and stringing it from ribbon.

Bonus points for the power of repetition if you make several.
Money saved: \$50

Be resourceful

Everything you buy for graduation weekend has to be either be thrown away or packed up and taken with you when you move. Neither is the best idea. Instead, crowd source. Remember that all-important crock pot? If you don't have one, ask your mom, aunts, cousins and friends to pull a few together. Beg, borrow or (don't) steal extra tables and chairs from friends or family. Use that wire basket you have hanging around for

hamburger buns and that tub in your pantry for chips (just wash them first). Remember, many of these people probably haven't been to your house so it's all new to them.
Money saved: \$40

Having a great graduation doesn't have to break the bank. With a little prior planning and elbow grease, you can celebrate your accomplishments
Total money saved: \$390

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JAKKI FORESTER | THE COLLEGIAN

Jazmin Zeledon, senior in biology and psychology, is graduating this May and has worked in multiple research labs throughout her time at K-State.

Younger sister motivates senior to leave lasting impact

By JAKKI FORESTER
THE COLLEGIAN

Jazmin Zeledon, senior in psychology and biology, said she always knew what she wanted to do when she came to K-State, and what she wanted to do after she walked across the stage in Bramlage Coliseum. Now that time is approaching quickly.

"My passion for science started since I was in elementary school," Zeledon said. "My ideas were always used for class projects. I would always place in my school science project."

Zeledon transferred from community college to K-State in a bridging program for minority students. She was introduced to the field of research within months of joining the Wildcat family.

"For two years, I have worked with a protein to inhibit melanoma tumor growth in mice," Zeledon said. "For the past year, I've been working in a ecological genomics program where I've been studying the infection of rhabdovirus on an insect that infects the virus to corn."

As she prepares to graduate, she said she wants to continue to pursue research, and additionally, pursue medicine.

Though Zeledon was accepted into a few medical schools, she said she is most passionate about the Trinity School of Medicine in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She said she applied to quite a few medical schools outside of the U.S., as well as some within, because she wanted to experience a new environment.

"I have never been out of the country," Zeledon said. "So, studying outside of the states would be awesome."

But, as she prepares to graduate, Zeledon is dealing with the stress that comes along with the question facing most graduating seniors, "What happens next?" Though she is supposed to start her program in Puerto Rico in the fall, she said she is dabbling with the idea of taking a year off to work before entering the program.

Zeledon said the process of closing the K-State chapter has been stressful, especially when it comes to getting her personal statements completed, updating and maintaining her curriculum

vita, collecting letters of recommendation and attending interviews.

Throughout her time here, Zeledon has been involved in multiple campus organizations and research projects. These include Psi Chi international honor society in psychology, the Developing Scholars Program, the URM scholar program, Bridges scholar program and as the president, among other positions, of Lambda Theta Nu sorority.

"Being involved around campus has allowed me to make new friends and networks," Zeledon said. "I have grown significantly since I have come to K-State. I am more independent, mature and know how to make wise choices. I am also a better researcher, leader and more confident in myself."

Ultimately, Zeledon said she never lost sight of why she came to college. Her younger sister, who is in eighth grade, is one

of the most important people in Zeledon's life, as well as her motivation to continue to be successful in college and in life, she said.

"Everything I do is not only for myself, but also for her," Zeledon said. "I want her to know that quitting is not an option, and that she can do whatever she aspires to be if she is willing to put in the work. She looks up to me a lot, and I don't want to disappoint her."

As Zeledon looks to the future, she said that though her time at K-State has been beneficial, she is ready to move on. She said she knows she wants to pursue medicine and research so she can leave this world having left an impact on others.

"I want to pursue medicine because I believe I have the talent and the skills to do wonders in medicine," Zeledon said. "I not only want to do medicine to help people, but I want to make an impact on my community."

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Noteable news of the last 5 years from around the world



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Aug. 6, 2009
Sonia Sotomayor becomes the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice.

Aug. 10, 2009
Volunteer trials for the H1N1 vaccine begin nationwide.

Sept. 1, 2009
Vermont legalizes same-sex marriage.

Sept. 14, 2009
Actor Patrick Swayze, star of the 1987 movie "Dirty Dancing," dies.

Sept. 26, 2009
Typhoon Ketsana hits the Philippines, causing 747 deaths and \$1.09 billion in damage.

Oct. 5, 2009
The nationwide H1N1 vaccination campaign begins in the U.S.

Nov. 5, 2009
Nidal Malik Hasan opens fire at Fort Hood in Texas, killing 13 and wounding 30.

Jan. 1, 2010
New Hampshire legalizes same-sex marriage.

Jan. 27, 2010
Apple introduces the iPad.

Feb. 7, 2010
The New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts play in Super Bowl XLIV. The Saints win 31-17.

Feb. 12, 2010
The XXI Olympic Winter Games are launched in Vancouver, British Columbia.

March 3, 2010
Washington, D.C. legalizes same-sex marriage.

March 23, 2010
President Barack Obama signs the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law.

April 20, 2010
The BP oil spill occurs, dumping 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico and killing 11 people. It was the largest accidental marine oil spill in history. Nine days after it happened, the oil reached U.S. shores.

June 7, 2010
The Apple iPhone 4 is released.

July 29, 2010
Heavy monsoon rains cause heavy flooding in

May 22, 2011
An EF5 tornado hits Joplin, Missouri, killing 89 people.

July 5, 2011
Casey Anthony is found not guilty in the murder of her daughter Caylee Anthony. Approximately 2 million people watch the televised verdict.

July 24, 2011
New York legalizes same-sex marriage.

Aug. 21, 2011
Hurricane Irene forms over the Caribbean, eventually making landfall on the eastern U.S. coast. It caused 56 deaths and \$16.6 billion in damage.

Oct. 5, 2011
Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple, Inc., dies.

Nov. 5, 2011
Jerry Sandusky, former Penn State football defensive coordinator, is arrested for accusations of sexual abuse of players spanning from 1994 to 2006. He was eventually found guilty of 45 counts of sexual assault on June 22, 2012.

Dec. 15, 2011
The Iraq War officially ends after the death of more than 100,000 people and hundreds of billions of dollars spent.

Dec. 17, 2011
Kim Jong-il, Supreme Leader of North Korea from 1994 to 2011, dies.

Jan. 6, 2012
The K-State football team plays Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl; the Wildcats lose 29-16.

Pakistan, killing more than 1,600 people and displacing more than 1 million.

Aug. 10, 2010
The World Health Organization declares that the H1N1 pandemic is over.

Oct. 22, 2010
The International Space Station breaks the record for longest continuous human occupation in space. It had been inhabited since Nov. 2, 2000.

Nov. 4, 2010
Microsoft launches the Kinect in North America – a controller free alternative to the Nintendo Wii.

Dec. 30, 2010
The K-State football team plays Syracuse in the PinStripe Bowl, the first bowl game appearance since 2006. K-State loses 36-34.

Feb. 6, 2011
The Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers play in Super Bowl XLV. The Packers win 31-25.

March 11, 2011
A 9.0 magnitude earthquake hits Japan and causes a tsunami, killing 15,850 people and leaving another almost 4,000 missing.

April 29, 2011
Prince William of Wales and Kate Middleton marry. About 2 billion people worldwide watch the televised ceremony.

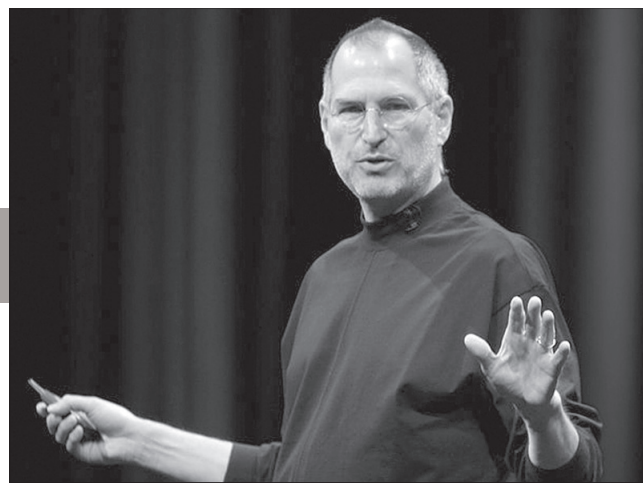
May 1, 2011
U.S. forces kill Osama Bin Laden, the previous leader of al-Qaeda.



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Feb. 5, 2012
The New York Giants and New England Patriots play in Super Bowl XLVI. The Giants won, 21-17.

Feb. 11, 2012
Whitney Houston, who is most known for her song "I Will Always Love You," dies at age 48.

June 24, 2012
Lonesome George, the last known Pinta Island Tortoise, dies at the Galapagos National Park. The subspecies is now extinct.

assistance after diving out of the Red Bull Stratos helium balloon over Roswell, New Mexico.

Nov. 6, 2012
Washington state passes the Washington Initiative 502, decriminalizing the sale and possession of marijuana in the state to people 21 years or older. Colorado passes a similar law in its state.

Dec. 9, 2012
Washington legalizes same-sex marriage.

Dec. 29, 2012
Maine legalizes same-sex marriage.

Jan. 1, 2012
Maryland legalizes same-sex marriage.

Jan. 3, 2013
The K-State football team plays Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl, marking the second year in a row the team played in a bowl game. The Wildcats lose 35-17.

Jan. 20, 2013
President Obama is sworn in for his second term as U.S. president.

Feb. 3, 2013
The Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers play in Super Bowl XLVII. The Ravens win 34-31.

Feb. 14, 2013
K-State kicks off the sesquicentennial event, celebrating the university's 150 years of establishment.

March 13, 2013
Jorge Mario Bergoglio is elected the 266th Pope after Pope Benedict XVI stepped down on Feb. 28. The Argentinian Cardinal takes the

name Francis and becomes the first Jesuit pope.

April 15, 2013
Two men detonate bombs at the Boston Marathon in Boston, Massachusetts, killing three people and injuring 270.

June 6, 2013
Edward Snowden discloses operations of the U.S. government held by the National Security Agency to the media. He is later granted temporary asylum in Russia.

June 28, 2013
California legalizes same-sex marriages.

July 1, 2013
Delaware legalizes same-sex marriage.

Aug. 1, 2013
Rhode Island and Minnesota legalizes same-sex marriage.

Oct. 21, 2013
New Jersey legalizes same-sex marriage.

Oct. 24, 2013
K-State concludes the 150 anniversary activities with a Grand Finale on Anderson Hall lawn with remarks from President Kirk Schulz, an appearance by Willie the Wildcat and the K-State marching band.

Dec. 2, 2013
Hawaii legalizes same-sex marriage.

Dec. 19, 2013
New Mexico legalizes same-sex marriage.

Dec. 28, 2013
The K-State football team plays Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, winning 31-14.

Jan. 1, 2014
First legal cannabis stores open in Colorado.

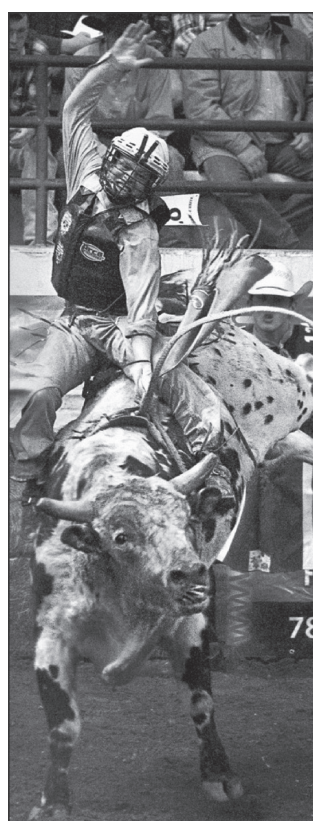
Feb. 2, 2014
The Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos play in Super Bowl XLVIII. The Seahawks win 43-8.

Feb. 7-23, 2014
The XXII Olympics Winter Games are held in Sochi, Russia.

March 8, 2014
Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappears off radar less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, leading to a widespread search for the 12 crew members and 227 passengers. On March 24, it was announced that all on board were considered deceased.

April 16, 2014
A ferry from Jeju to Incheon capsizes and sinks off coast of South Korea, killed at least 187 people and left 115 missing.

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Joey Boos, senior in theater, plans to move to Florida so he can participate in the Disney College Program as part of the Pirate’s League at Walt Disney World in Orlando after graduation.

By JAKKI FORESTER
THE COLLEGIAN

In the last four years of K-State theater productions, more likely than not Joey Boos, senior in theater, was a part of it in some way. Whether he was throwing himself into a lead role on stage or working up in the sound booth, Boos has left his mark on the K-State theater program.

“Theater was the first thing I got involved in that I felt passionately about,” Boos said. “I had tried sports, academic teams, band – nothing clicked and nothing ever really felt comfortable.”

When Boos moved from Overland Park, Kansas to Salina his eighth grade year, it was a big change for him. But, that same year he auditioned for “Miss Nelson is Missing” and has continued to pursue his passion of the performing arts ever since.

Now, with his graduation only weeks away, he is moving to Orlando, Florida to be a part of Disney’s College Program at Disney World. Boos will be acting as a pirate in the Pirate’s League for six months following graduation. The Pirate’s League isn’t a store, but rather an experience for the young people and adults visiting the park on any given day.

Boos said he actually applied on to the program a whim. A friend at K-State had told him about it, so he applied not thinking much of it. Then, when he received an email saying he had moved on to the next round of interviews, he was elated. He had to fill out an online form answering more in-depth questions that evaluated him as a person.

Within the following week, Boos had a 20-25 minute phone interview. He said the interviewer really liked that he had a theater back-

ground, and had worked with kids in a theater environment before. Then, a week later, he received an email saying he had been accepted to be a part of the Pirate’s League.

When looking around at Disney College Program groups online, he said there were actually very few who got accepted to be a part of the Pirate’s League, but rather, got hired for broad positions like ride operations or something like that.

“I’m excited to do something new,” Boos said. “I’ve never been away from home

“My mom was my biggest fan and was the one who started me in theater. She took me to my first audition. She transferred me from a private Catholic school to a public school because there were arts and performance opportunities. She was my cheerleader.”

JOEY BOOS
SENIOR, THEATER

for more than a month. I’m excited to meet new people and make connections while I’m there. I don’t know where this will lead, but life’s an adventure, so why not?”

A loss his freshmen year

Boos began his K-State academic career four years ago. Since then, he has been a part of many productions, campus organizations and held multiple leadership roles.

But, Boos faced a major turning point his freshmen year when his mother died from a cancerous brain tumor on September 2010.

“It was definitely hard,” Boos said. “My mom was my biggest fan and was the one who started me in theater. She took me to my first audition. She transferred me from a private Catholic school to a public school because there were arts and performance opportunities. She was my cheerleader.”

According to Boos, it was always him and his mom who were close, while his sisters were always close to their dad. He said it was difficult to get adjusted to not having his mom around.

By the time Boos’ mother passed away, he had already auditioned for and nabbed a part in “Antigone.” From the time he got the call about his mom to the time he returned to campus, he had only taken about a week and a half off. He said it moved really fast.

“Being a part of the play gave me something to focus on and people to surround myself with,” Boos said. “They helped me mentally. If I didn’t have that family base to come back to, it probably would have taken me much longer to come back to campus.”

He said the Office of Student Life, his professors, his fellow cast members and other students were all really supportive and gave him all the time he needed to mourn the loss of his mother.

“It made our family stronger,” Boos said. “My sisters and I used to fight a lot more and not talk a lot. Now, all four of us try to be together as much as we can. My mom came here and my sisters all came here. K-State is it’s own family, and we share that.”

Life in theater

Boos has been in 11 productions sponsored through K-State, as well as another



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Joey Boos performs a 1960s jazz number with K-State admissions representative **Katy Zapletal** during season six of Dancing with the K-State Stars on Feb. 25 in McCain Auditorium.

nine productions between the Konza Theatre Company and Salina Community Theatre.

He has also worked as a sound board operator, costume shop stitcher at McCain Auditorium, and as a scene and prop design. Although he could have gone to a theater conservatory, he chose K-State.

“I picked a liberal arts school because I can take classes in all types of different things,” Boos said. “I have to be able to take things I learn in other classes outside of the School of Theatre, Music and Dance and apply it to my major or my roles. I have learned things and been able to better take on other people’s personalities through different roles and characters I have played.”

Bella Alonso, senior in theater, said Boos is one of the sweetest, kindest, sassiest and funniest people she has ever met. In all, she has worked on stage with Boos in three different productions – “The Madwoman of Cai- lot,” “The Music Man” and “columbinus,” although they have known each other since high school.

“It wasn’t until ‘columbinus’ that we truly got to act off one another,” Alonso said. “(It) was an extremely emotional piece, and working alongside one of my best friends was of the greatest experiences I could have asked for. (Boos) is extremely honest and emotionally available in his work, and really did the piece justice. Acting with (Boos) was wonderful not only because he’s a close friend, but also because he’s a fantastic actor and artist.”

Because Boos has been a part of multiple productions on and off campus, a lot of his free time in college had been dedicated to the plays and musicals he has been a part of.

When part of a production, Boos said he would spend three hours every night, Monday through Friday and sometimes a Saturday or Sunday, rehearsing. This included a few weeks of table work, which is sitting and talking about the production. Then, a few weeks of blocking the production, scene by scene.

After that comes tech week, which he said is a lot more taxing than just rehears-

als.

“It’s taxing to run the show every night or one act twice in one night,” Boos said. “This week can run a few hours longer than just three hours a night.”

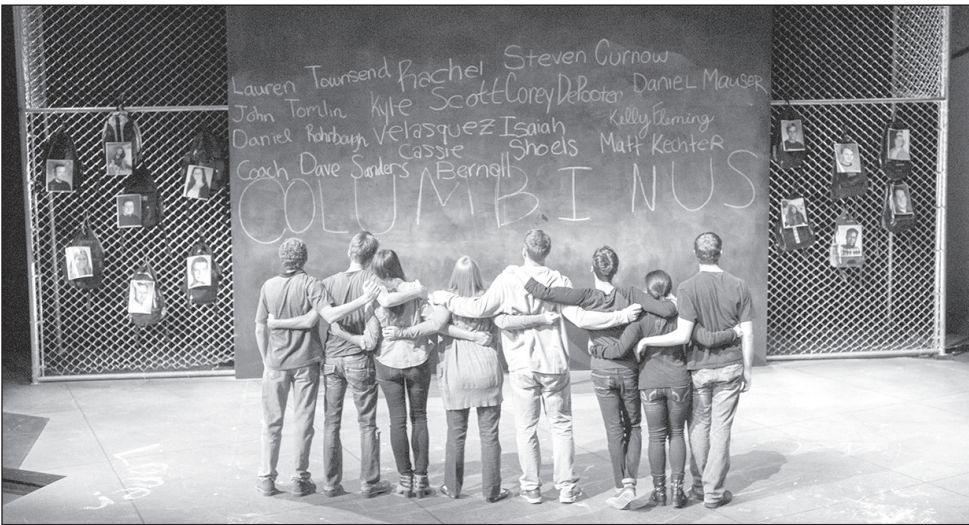
Finally comes production weeks. From auditions to performances, it is only a seven to eight week process.

He said “The Music Man” was one of his favorite performances he was a part of at K-State. It was the first production the K-State theater department had after the School of Music, Theatre and Dance was established.

“It was really exciting to be a part of it,” Boos said. “It was an exciting project that all of the departments were really excited about. I enjoy that here, all three departments are cohesive and collaborative.”

As time continues and Boos moves from Manhattan to Orlando, he said he has enjoyed his time here at K-State, as well as the experiences he received, the friends he’s made and the productions he has been a part of.

“It really is a family here,” Boos said.



EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

Joey Boos portrayed the “prep” student (third from the right) in “columbinus,” performed by the K-State theater department in October 2013. Boos has had a part in 11 K-State theater productions.

Alumni advice about life post-graduation: be persistent, hard working, have fun

K-State alumni share what they've learned since graduating and what they wish they had known about the world outside of K-State's limestone campus

compiled by Erin Poppe

“ As you look for employment, don't be afraid of coming on too strong. Call prospective employers to the point of borderline harassment. Be aggressively courteous. It'll keep you on their radar, and one phone call might make the difference.

You may be planning to overshoot and to ask for a higher salary than you really expect. But your employer already knows that you're going to do this. So you should ask for an even higher salary. Don't listen to naysayers. The economy is unfavorable, but your outlook shouldn't be. Chances are that someone less capable has made more of worse circumstances.

Also, there's no excuse for attending K-State and never hiking on the Konza Prairie.

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Ian Huyett, '13 alumnus, is an associate editor for both “The Libertarian Republic” and “Liberty Without Apologies.”

“ Keep in touch with your college friends. It's important to keep those relationships going even if you are on opposite sides of the country.

Be proud of your alma mater. Tell your coworkers how amazing your experience was – especially if you are surrounded by Jayhawks like I am.

Budget. Just because you are making money now, doesn't mean you can spend it all at once. Save it, you will need it later on down the road.

Respect your parents. They got you through every finals week and the long research paper. Invite them to your new apartment, cook them dinner. Show them appreciation for getting to where you are today.

Work hard. You can't start at the top, you have to work your way up. Show your boss that you deserve to be there.

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Kate Bartram, '13 alumna, is a marketing specialist for Innovadex.

“ Remember that it's okay to not know how to do everything right off the bat. Never be afraid to ask for help or guidance.

Martin Blake Cram, '13 alumnus, is a graduate assistant for residence and greek life at University of Central Missouri.

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“ Be persistent. It can be hard to transition away from all your friends and to not be accepted to every opportunity you want. Sometimes you compete with dozens of people two or three times your age for one job, and it gets discouraging.

Be persistent in your beliefs that you will end up where you belong, that your friendships can still work with some mutual effort, and intentionally growing. Persistence is the key to achieving your long-term goals no matter how unsure the immediate future may seem.

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Nathan Finster, '13 alumnus, is a psychiatric residential treatment facility counselor for KVC Prairie Ridge Hospital.

Graduating seniors reflect on most memorable moments at K-State

By ARIEL CROCKETT
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Joining an organization, academic club, living in the residence halls and making friends are all experiences that often make up the once-in-a-lifetime memories that students have on campus. Now, as thousands of students prepare to graduate, they reflect on what made their time at K-State memorable.

“There are a lot of things that happens at college that doesn't happen at home, you know,” Geneva Tucker, senior in microbiology, said.

Tyrone Williams II, senior in social science, said he will always remember the first time he got free food on campus his freshman year.

“When I first got here, the library gave out free food, so I was really happy about that,” Williams said.

Williams and Tucker both agreed that joining a greek chapter was another unforgettable K-State experience.

Tucker joined the recently re-chartered Nu Beta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority this semester. She said it a big moment for her because of the amount of respect and admiration she has for her chapter.

“I joined this particular sorority because of what they stand for,” Tucker said. “I love the fact that they are about sisterhood and scholarship, so there is always someone there for you when it comes to education. They make it a priority in the organization.”

Tucker said she also likes the sense of community and pride they take in the amount of community service they do and how they help the less fortunate.

Williams pledged for the Theta Eta chapter of Iota Phi Theta fraternity during his senior year. He said what made it so special for him was the bonds he developed with his four “little brothers” as they formed a new greek chapter at K-State.

Tucker said incoming students should look forward to stepping out of their comfort zones and having the “college experience.”

“The overall college experience is being able to try new things and go to things you've never had the opportunity to go to before,” Tucker said.

Williams said college is a place where you learn real-life lessons.

“You learn about bills, being broke and the noodle-diet,” Tucker said.

Chase Fox, senior in sociology, said some of his best college experiences came from living in the residence halls, joining the hockey team and eventually leaving the residence halls.

“When I lived in the dorms, in Putnam Hall, we had this thing called ‘The P-2 Snow Angels,’” Fox said. “Whenever the first snow fall of the year came, we would all run out and make snow angels and play in the snow. That was a wonderful moment.”

Some students, like Fox, come to college and gain new athletic experiences that they

wouldn't have had otherwise.

“Joining the hockey team for K-State was fun and kind of a new way aspect of sport-playing for me,” Fox said.

Fox said leaving the residence halls was sort of like a rite of passage for him.

“Finally moving out of the dorms that was a big moment for me,” Fox said. “Now I have to pay bills and rent and get a job.”

Fox said that because these moments were experienced with friends, they mean the most to him.

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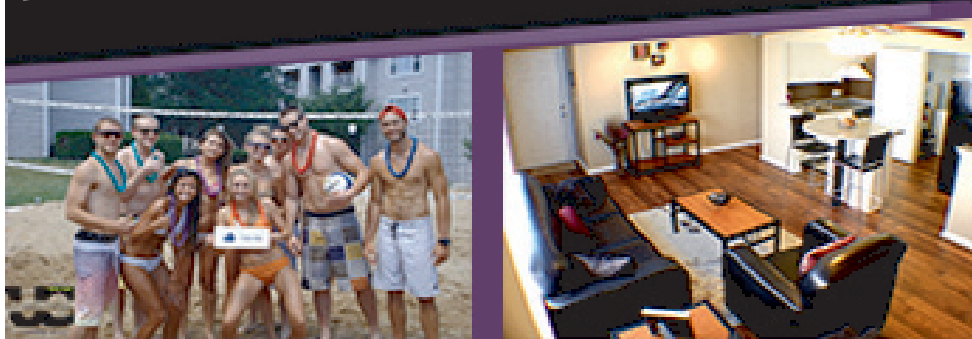
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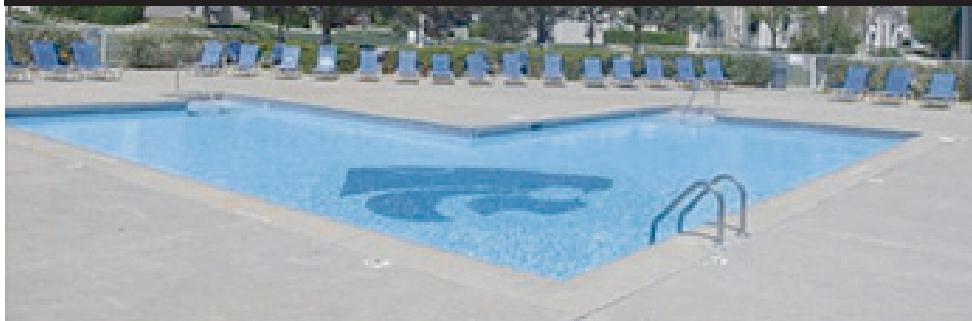
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